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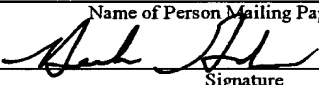
THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/631,414  
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For: MULTI-LINE COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND  
METHOD OF USE  
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**AMENDMENT**

The following is an Amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated September 29, 2004, which provides for a response period ending July 15, 2004.

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Amendment dated October 15, 2004

Reply to Office Action of April 15, 2004 and Advisory Action of September 29, 2004

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for three additional months to October 15, 2004, is being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: